

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5041
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INCREASE IN QUOTA OF HAJ PILGRIMS
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have been increasing the quota of Haj Pilgrims every year;
- (b) if so, details thereof during each of the last five years; and
- (c) the number of aircraft chartered by the Government for the Haj Pilgrims for the year 2000 and the number of Pilgrims likely to be accommodated therein?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION

(SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) and (b) : Yes, Sir. The Haj pilgrims quota fixed by the Government and actual number of pilgrims transported during the last five years are as under:-

Year	Haj Pilgrims quota fixed by Government	Actual number of pilgrims transported
1996	56,000	50,347
1997	56,000	53,766
1998	66,000	63,648
1999	63,000	62,103
2000	72,000	71,924

(c): Aircraft leased for the Haj 2000 operations and its capacity are as under:

1 B747-100 with a capacity of 470. 2 B747-200 with a capacity of 470. 2 L1011-100 with a capacity of 320. 1 L1011-50 with a capacity of 280.